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SUBJECT: U.S. ASSURANCE TO VENEZUELA IN TRANSFER OF PETROLEUM  
TECHNOLOGY

1. AT THE SYMPOSIUM HELD DURING THE FIRST PART OF THIS WEEK AT  
ENDICOTT HOUSE NEAR BOSTON, ONE SESSION WAS DEVOTED TO ENERGY.  
THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT ON BOTH THE VENEZUELAN AND AMERICAN  
SIDES THAT THERE SHOULD BE COOPERATION BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND THE  
UNITED STATES IN DEVELOPING NEW TECHNIQUES WHICH FOSTER MORE  
EFFICIENT PRODUCTION AND USE OF ENERGY RESOURCES.

2. THE U.S. DELEGATION WAS INFORMALLY REPRESENTED ON THE SECOND  
DAY OF THE SYMPOSIUM BY THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, ROGERS C.  
B. MORTON, WHO IN CONCISE  
AND LUCID EXPOSITION OF U.S. ENERGY POLICY AGREED WITH THE VIEW  
PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED ON THE NEED FOR COOPERATION IN DEVELOPING NEW  
TECHNIQUES. THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR ASSURED THE CONFERENCE  
THAT VENEZUELA WILL HAVE ACCESS TO U.S. ENERGY TECHNOLOGY.

3. NO SINGLE STATEMENT OF THE CONFERENCE DREW MORE FAVORABLE  
RESPONSE FROM THE VENEZUELAN SIDE, AND AT THE CLOSING SESSION LAST  
WEDNESDAY THE PROMISE OF OUR SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR WAS REFERRED  
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TO NO LESS THAN THREE TIMES BY THE DEPARTING VENEZUELAN.

4. THE PURPOSE OF THIS TELEGRAM IS TO REQUEST THAT SOME MECHANISM BE DEvised WHEREBY SECRETARY MORTON'S ASSURANCES MAY BE TRANSLATED INTO ACTION. ONE THOUGHT WHICH OCCURS TO ME IS THAT THE FLETCHER SCHOOL OF LAW AND DIPLOMACY HAS ALREADY WORKED UP AN ARRANGEMENT WITH KUWAIT FOR A TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE ENERGY FIELD AND MIGHT

CONVENIENTLY BE USED AS THE MEDIUM FOR A SIMILAR UNDERTAKING AS BETWEEN

VENEZUELA AND THE UNITED STATES. OF COURSE, FLETCHER HAS ITS OWN INTEREST IN SUCH A MATTER, BUT ON THE OTHER HAND IT MIGHT SERVE AS A SHOCK ABSORBER IN WHAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE A DIRECT GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIP. I MAKE THIS NOT AS A RECOMMENDATION BUT MERELY AS A SUGGESTION AS TO WHAT MEANS MIGHT BE ADOPTED TO FULFILL WHAT THE VENEZUELAN'S CLEARLY REGARD AS AN ENGAGEMENT ON THE PART OF THE USG.

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